THE MINISTER OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (c) The following proposals have been received from State Governments for grant of mining lease in favour of Indian companies, which are subsidiaries/ joint ventures of the foreign companies:

No.	Name of the applicant	Minerals	State	Nationality of promoter foreign company
1.	M/s Transworld Garnet India Pvt. Ltd.	Garnet	Andhra pradesh	Canadian
2.	M/s Transworld Garnet India Pvt. Ltd.	Garnet	Andhra Pradesh	Canadian
3.	M/s Geo Mysore Services India Pvt. Ltd.	Gold, copper, lead, zinc, silver and all other associated minerals	Andhra Pradesh	Australian

(d) Action has been initiated for examining the proposals in the light of the relevant Act and Rules.

Lease of iron ore mining

2215. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether iron ore mines have been given on lease to various companies especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether they are ensuring to adhere to the guidelines of Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the action initiated against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Details regarding Andhra Pradesh as on 31.3.2004 are as under:

District	No. of minin leases of iron ore
Anantapur	4
Cuddapah	1
Khammam	5
Krishna	4
Kurnool	7
Nellore	2
Prakasam	2

(c) to (e) Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) conducts regular inspections to ensure that the mine owners are following the provisions made in mining plan approved by the IBM. During such inspections, IBM has found violations of mining plan in six cases in Andhra Pradesh for which show-cause notice/violation letters have been issued by IBM to the defaulting mine owners.

Tremors and landslides in KGF

2216. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there had been a series of tremors and landslides in the mining areas of KGF in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM) has taken up studies to find out the reasons for the tremors;

(c) whether some of the closed BGML mine shafts have opened out due to landslides and tremors; and

(d) the steps taken to allay the fear in the minds of the local people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Director, National Institute of Rock Mechanics has